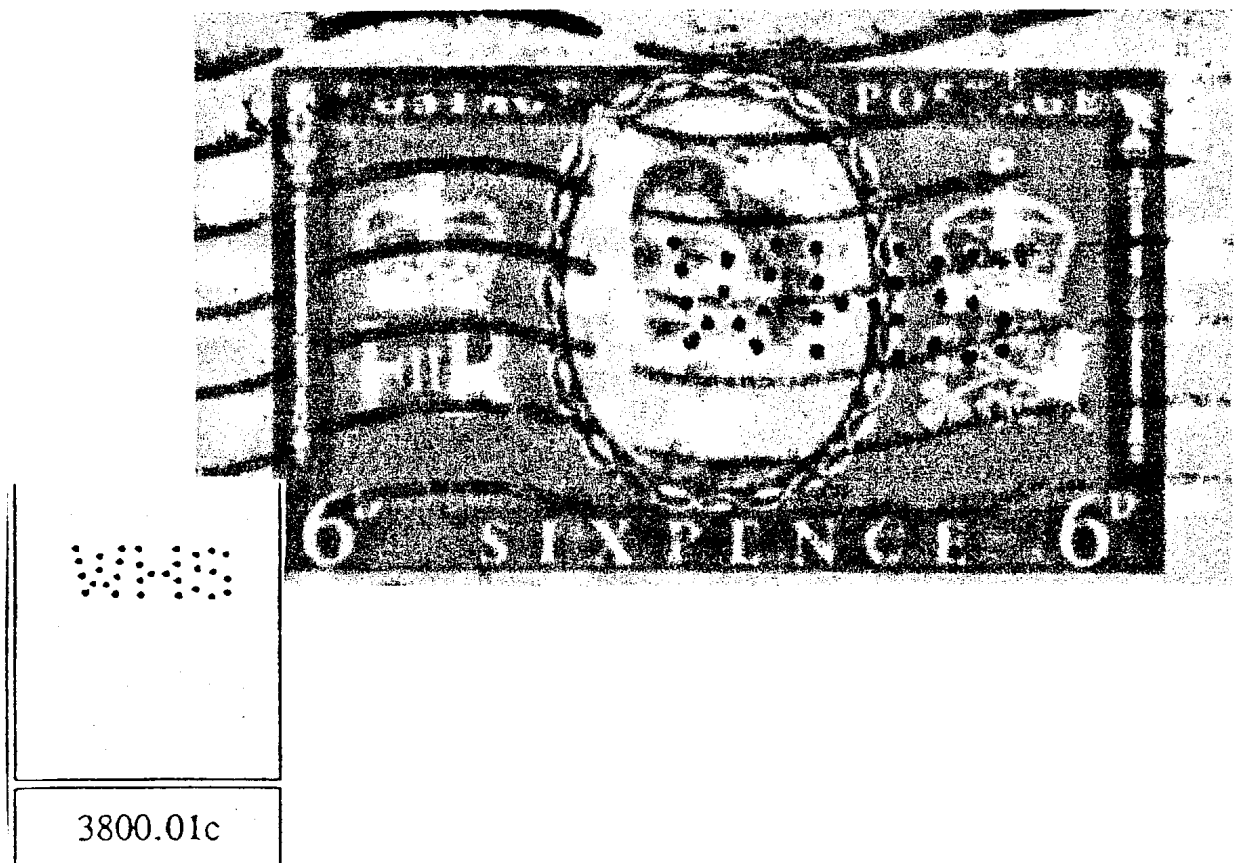


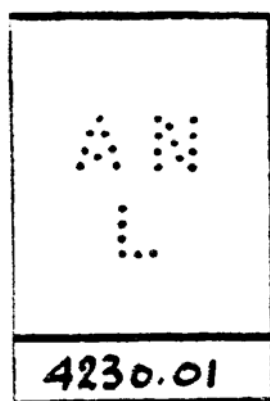
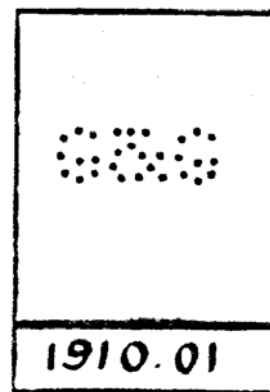
PERFORATED AIR LETTERS

Also in Bulletin 289 I covered perforated Air Letters. At that time B2100.01 (B/D/H) of the British Drug Houses Ltd on a 6d GVI Air Letter had been reported and C5520.01 (C/OF/A) Commonwealth of Australia on a QEII 6d was noted from the Cinderella Philatelist. I have W3800.01a (WHS) of W.H.Smith & Son Limited, dated 5-12-61 on QEII 6d.

Once again **JEFF TURNBULL** has sent a print out from the Internet on Postal Stationery perfins of an embossed 6d QEII. From the enlarged copy it would appear to be W3800.01c which is the "WHS" with a flat topped "S". This is now a positive identification of this die: previously only catalogued as a probable identity. (I only show the stamp but there was a copy of the whole Air Letter with identity clearly marked.) I have checked my copy again and it is the W3800.01a so W.H.Smith used two different dies on these Air Letters.



ALAN SANDY sent details of another new perfinned Air Letter. This is also on a QEII 6d, dated 20-10-53, and the perfin is G1910.01, "G&G", of Gordon and Gotch Ltd, 75-9 Farringdon Street, London E.C.4.



JOHN MATHEWS and JEFF TURNBULL both saw the next item on the ebay internet auction. A KGVI 6d Air Letter from 1953. Perfin is A4230.01 (AN/L) of Associated Newspapers Limited. John sent the print out when it first appeared on the Internet and the first bid was for \$9.99. Jeff sent the print out at the close of the bidding - \$114.01! Quite a rise.

What would you have paid for it? To date I have only had 6 different dies reported on a total of 8 Air Letters. They must be in the scarce category if not a rarity.

Please accept this as the complete update for the Telegraph Forms and Air Letters. One of these days, probably when someone else takes the job of Editor, I will find time to update the Envelopes, Registered Envelopes, Postal Stationery Cards and Newswrappers. I have quite a bulging file with new information sent in by yourselves. Do keep sending any new details - they will be kept and used - one day.